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FLICKERS' RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL SEEKS YOUTH FILM JURY APPLICANTS FOR 2016

Area High School students needed to judge films and participate in the 20th Annual Rhode Island International Film Festival, August 9-14, 2016

WHAT: Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival Youth Jury Program

WHEN: August 9-14, 2016

WHERE: Providence, Newport, Bristol, Woonsocket and Jamestown, Rhode Island

WHO: Flickers, Newport Film Society & Arts Collaborative, creator of the Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF)

On August 9, 2016, Flickers kicks-off its 20th annual **Rhode Island International Film Festival** (RIIFF) in Providence, RI. This week-long celebration of independent cinema and film arts is New England's largest film festival that is accredited by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as a qualifier for Oscar® in the Best Short, Best Documentary Short and Best Animated Short categories. It is one of 10 Festivals in the United States accredited by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA). It is also a qualifier for the Canadian Screen Awards (Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television). Only 6 festivals out of over 7,000 worldwide share these distinctions.

Flickers is seeking students from Rhode Island high schools and area colleges to participate in its **2016 Youth Film Jury Program**. The Youth Film Jury is a program that introduces young scholars and cinephiles to the world of independent film. Accepted applicants will have the opportunity to: **1.** View a wide variety of films (narrative, documentary, animations, shorts, etc.) that they may never have otherwise had the chance to see; **2.** Meet and interact with filmmakers, actors, industry professionals, and other film lovers from around the world; **3.** Attend special screenings, World and US. premieres, and more; **4.** Participate in a program that will stand out on college applications and resumes; **5.** Volunteer at the Festival and become part of the RIIFF team; and, **6.** Network and make connections to aid future endeavors in the film world!

Participation in the Flickers' Youth Film Jury provides all-access passes to the Festival and a mentored learning environment. The educational value for each participant is worth \$650.

In addition to film screenings, the Festival will feature the return of the RI Film Forum—geared to be a region-wide educational workshop on bringing film production to the Ocean State—award ceremonies, filmmaker symposia, the annual ScriptBiz Screenwriting Workshop, the new Documentary Film Forum, a walking tour of film locations in Providence, an expanded KidsEye International Film Festival with morning workshops and kid-friendly activities, networking events

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and much more. For more information about the festival, please visit www.rifilmfest.org

The program will be accepting applications through **June 24, 2016**. All applications will then be immediately reviewed and acceptance notifications will go out. To receive an application, please visit this link: <http://www.film-festival.org/YouthJuryProgram.php>

Send your completed application to quirk@film-festival.org or mail it to:

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ABOUT FLICKERS' RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL:

FLICKERS' Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF), has secured its place in the global community as the portal for the best in international independent cinema, earning the respect of domestic and foreign filmmakers, filmgoers and trend watchers. RIIFF is widely recognized as a credentialed, industry-friendly launch pad for the work of exceptional emerging talent. This confluence of art and commerce brings together world-class celebrities, award-winning filmmakers, new talent and enthusiastic audience members. Ranked as one of the top 10 Festivals in the United States, RIIFF is also a qualifying festival for the **Narrative, Documentary** and **Animation Short Film Academy Awards** through its affiliation with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences. It was also recently named a **BAFTA** (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) and **Canadian Screen Awards** (Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television)-qualifying Festival. There are only **6 film festivals worldwide** that share this distinction. The Festival takes place this year, August 9-14, 2016. For more information, please visit www.rifilmfest.org.

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